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1. Stocks of arms, ammunition and other war materiel from the Soviet Union have been piling up in Bulgaria since September 1949. The materiel is being stored in new and extensive warehouses at Burgas, Ruse and Varna. Only a minor proportion of this materiel is intended for the Bulgarian Army and Militia.
  2. These warehouses are controlled by the Soviet authorities, however, the guard duty is performed by State Security detachments under the supervision of the Soviet "Otriady Bezopastnosti" (OB) police who are normally responsible for guarding Soviet diplomatic and other missions. The OB are subordinate to the INO branch of MGB and wear mufti.
  3. The headquarters of the OB in Sofia is located at No. 4 Ulitsa Sofiysky Geroy. It is under the command of Vsevolod Bulagin who has a villa at Svetoslav Terter.
- Burgas
4. The OB at Burgas is known as OB-3 and is commanded by Kuzma K. Jossipenko.
  5. The independent zone at Burgas, situated on either side of the canal connecting the Black Sea with Lake Vaya-Koi, which the Soviet authorities control, has recently been extended to the north to include the oil storage depot as well as the route along Lake Vaya-Koi.
  6. The zone covers a considerable area with large reinforced concrete buildings for warehouses and modern unloading and conveyor equipment. The buildings comprise:
    - 1 large 5-story building,
    - 4 two-story buildings, and
    - 6 single-story buildings all of reinforced concrete.
    - 3 single-story wooden buildings used as administrative office, guardhouse and OB-3 quarters and barracks.

The construction of two new buildings of brick and concrete was started in November 1949.

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7. The Soviet-controlled installations in connection with the above area include a private power plant and radio station (transmitting and receiving), and a telephone system connecting Burgas with Sofia and Bucharest. This system is also used by other Soviet establishments in Burgas.
8. First Lieutenant Krassovsky is in charge of the Soviet warehouses in Burgas. Krassovsky is subordinate to Maximilian R. Krausse, the official at the Soviet Embassy in Sofia who is in control of all Soviet warehouses and bases in Bulgaria.

Ruse

9. The principal warehouses are situated along the Ruse-Sofia railroad line on the left-hand side from ulitsa Rila as far as the Marine barracks and on the other side as far as ulitsa Nikolaevska. The warehouses are closed off from the town by a continuous fence and from the railroad by barbed wire about two meters high.
10. The 11 single-story wooden huts used as "P" type (transit) warehouses by the Soviets are visible from the railroad. There is a watch tower between the first two sheds and between the tenth and the eleventh shed. Near the center shed, which is used as administrative offices, there is a small concrete two-story building which is used as an "alarm post" and comprises a central telephone office, fire fighting station and guardhouse. Sidorenko, a Soviet officer, is in charge of the "P" warehouses.
11. Apart from the "P" warehouses, the Soviets control other warehouses in the former barracks in the Radina boulevard near the Ruse-Varna railroad. These warehouses consist of two buildings, one single-story wooden building and one brick buildings, formerly used as an officers' mess. Both buildings were repaired in the summer of 1949. Bulkin is the name of the Soviet officer in charge of these warehouses.

Varna

12. There are two "P" warehouses of reinforced concrete situated in Pereuluk Elin Pelin between the coal basin and the harbor railroad.
13. There are warehouses at Kolarovka on the promontory northwest of the Varna factory area between Lake Devnya and the Devnya-Black Sea Canal. These warehouses, formerly used for storing salt, have been rebuilt. They are surrounded by a barbed wire fence about two meters high and have their own power station.
14. The storage capacity of the warehouses at Kolarovka and Pereuluk Elin Pelin is three times that of the Ruse warehouses, and they were half full in November and December 1949. Ivan Pavlov is in charge of the "P" warehouses in Varna.
15. There are other Soviet warehouses near Varna at the Bulgarian Hydroplane Base at Peindrdjik, on Lake Devnya. These consist of 10 buildings, six of which are one-story wooden buildings and 4 of brick construction. These warehouses are in charge of Captain Svetlitchny.

Other Soviet warehouses in Bulgaria

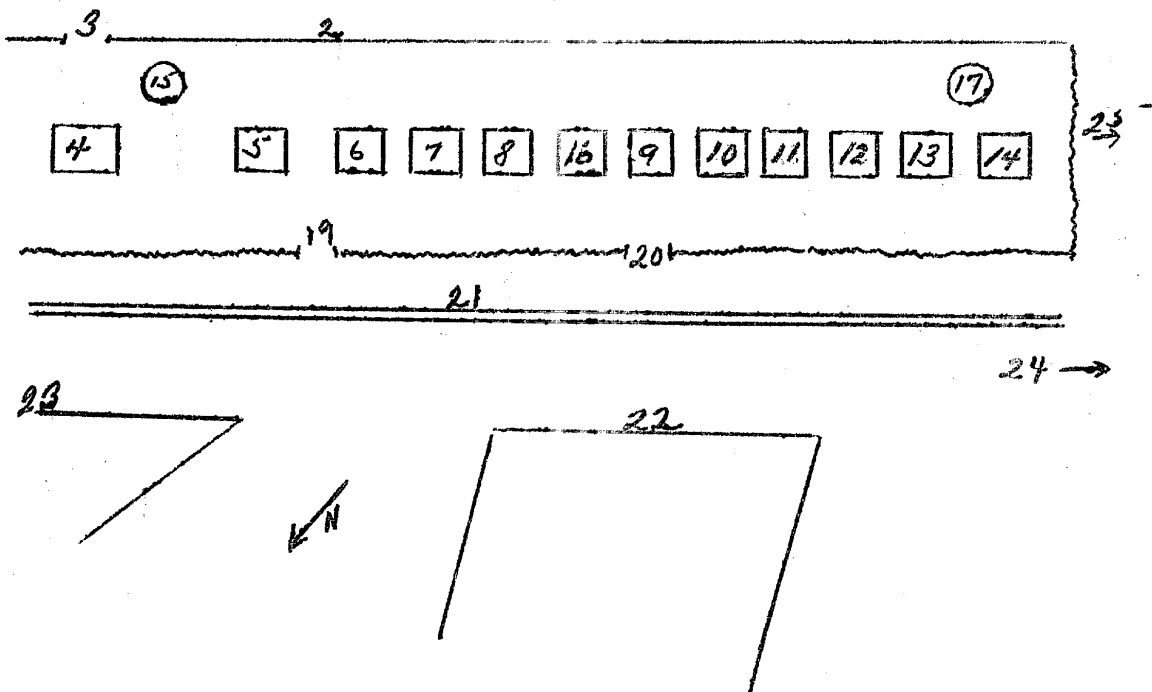
16. There are other Soviet warehouses in the following localities: Pleven, Petrich, Haskovo, Lompalanka, Drenovets, Kyustendil, Levunovo, Stara Zagora and Sliven.
17. Soviet authorities have priority on the Bulgarian railroads. They also have a large number of trucks at their disposal as well as 11 transport planes.

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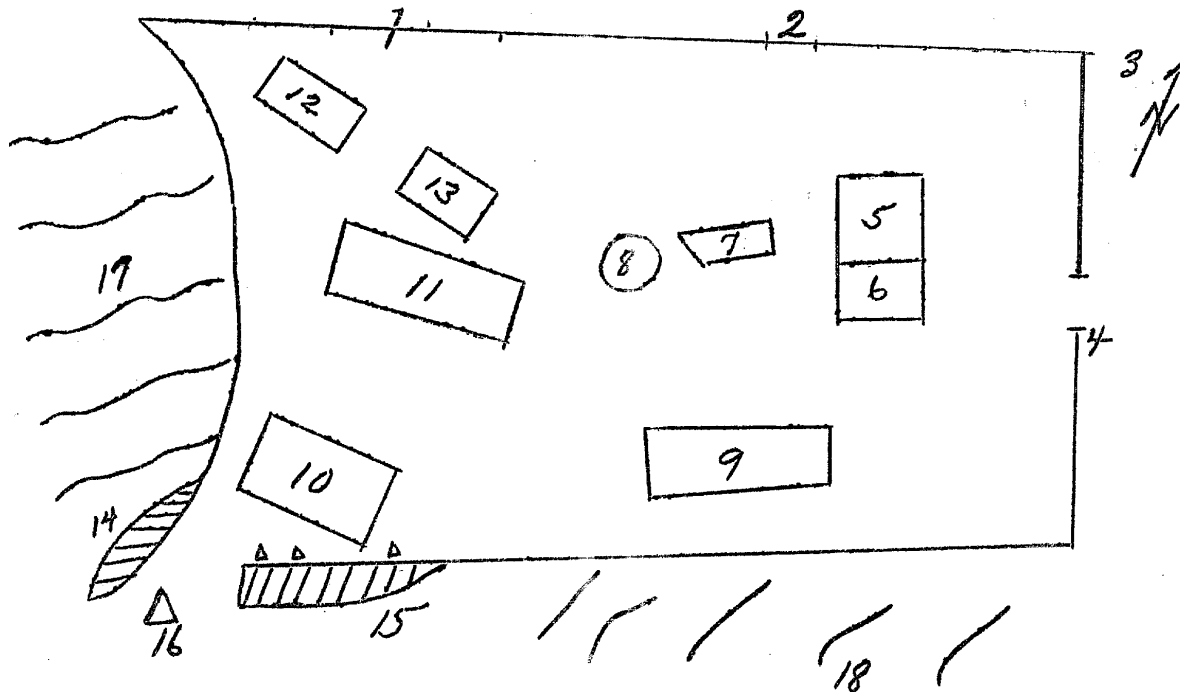
Warehouses at RuseLegend

- 1 - Town of Ruse
- 2 - Fence on town side
- 3 - Gate
- 4 - 14, Sheds used as Soviet warehouses (No. 9 houses the administrative offices)
- 15 - Watch tower
- 16 - Alarm post
- 17 - Watch tower
- 18 - Barbed wire fence
- 19 - Gate
- 20 - Gate
- 21 - Ruse-Sofia railway
- 22 - Ruse harbor
- 23 - Ruse harbor station
- 24 - To Sofia
- 25 - Marines' barracks

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Warehouses at Kolarovka (Varna)Legend

- 1 - Barbed wire fence
- 2 - Gate
- 3 - Varna factory quarter
- 4 - Gate
- 5 - Warehouse
- 6 - Administration offices and guard room
- 7 - Power station
- 8 - Watch tower
- 9 - 13, Warehouses (10 and 11 being partly two story buildings )
- 14 - Jetty on lake
- 15 - Jetty on canal
- 16 - Cranes
- 17 - Lake Devnya
- 18 - Canal

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